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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (65-1162) (P)
DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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COSTELLO was born in Auckland, New Zealand, 1/31/12, came to England in 1932. After serving as a university lecturer he went into the New Zealand Army and was later appointed Second Secretary in the New Zealand Legation in Moscow in 1944. In 1951 he was transferred to the New Zealand Legation in Paris, remaining until 1955. At that time he obtained an appointment as professor of Slavonic Studies at Manchester University, Manchester, England, which position he still holds.

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as follows: ~~TOP SECRET~~
(1) ABBA P. LERNER, born 10/28/03 in Bessarabia, Russia. He was a student at Rockefeller Foundation, New York 1938-39 and was later on the staff of Columbia University.

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University of Virginia and University of Kansas City. He is now believed to be a professor of Economics at Palo Alto, California. He visited subjects in Manchester in the Summer of 1963 but is believed now to be back in the U.S. His wife's name is DALIA.

(2) ARTHUR LERNER, born London 10/15/11. His wife is EDITH MYFANWY DAVIES, born 6/12/09 in Leicestershire, England. [redacted]

is referred to my letter 1/17/62 entitled ARTHUR LERNER,
IS - ENGLAND. The Bureau is also referred to my letter of
11/21/63 entitled EDITH MYFANWY LERNER, nee DAVIES, IS - GB.
In both cases the LERNERS indicated they planned to visit
ABBA LERNER ~~ABBA~~

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THE SILENT

London 65-1162

It is requested the above information be furnished
to London for referral to (S)

This matter will be followed with to insure
that any developments concerning U.S. interests are immediately
furnished. (S)

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Legat, London (65-1162)

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DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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Interested field offices have been previously instructed to furnish data in a form suitable for dissemination concerning the individuals mentioned in reairtel. You will be furnished results as they are received. In this regard, attached are a copy of NYairtel and two copies of New York memorandum dated 3-6-64, captioned as above, reporting data concerning Abba Ptachya Lerner. One copy of the memorandum should be [REDACTED] (S)

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[REDACTED] that Desmond Patrick Costello died on 2-23-64 [REDACTED] (S)

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The Bureau will only make inquiry through established sources to locate the individuals reportedly in the U.S. so as not to arouse any undue interest in this case. It is noted that of all the individuals involved in this case only Abba and Dalia Lerner and [REDACTED] are in the U.S. Abba Lerner is reportedly a professor of economics at an educational institution in Palo Alto, California, and [REDACTED] is reportedly employed at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Upon receipt of additional data [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we will then consider what action we will take. (S)

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2 - New York (65-23127)

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Legat, London (65-1162)
re: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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Boston and San Francisco should through established sources locate the [redacted] and Lerners, respectively.

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Boston, Chicago, Detroit, New York and San Francisco should expedite their respective investigations in this matter.

For information of Legat, London, Boston letter 3-4-64 indicated its files contained no identifiable data regarding [redacted]

New York has a file on [redacted]

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identical with [redacted] in this case. [redacted] New York has been instructed to prepare a memorandum on them.

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Bufiles contain no additional data re Arthur Lerner and his wife Edith Myfanwy Lerner nee Davies other than data contained in your letters 1-17-62 and 11-21-63 (Bufile 105-106606-1) (105-125779).

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[redacted] Both are British subjects.

A review of Bufiles fails to reveal any identifiable data concerning the subjects.

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NOTE: Legat, London, airtel 2-10-64 revealed [redacted]. Desmond Costello (British) was a professor of Slavic languages at Manchester Univ. until he died 2-23-64. He served in the New Zealand Legation in Moscow as Second Secretary in 1944 until 1951 when he was transferred to the New Zealand Legation in Paris, resigning in 1955 to accept the above appointment as a professor.

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Legat, London (65-1162)
re: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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[redacted] Only the Abba Lerners and [redacted] are in the US and as such are of interest to us; however, the only data we have concerning them is that [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted], probably identical with [redacted], is a lecturer, and now [redacted] at [redacted]; he was a lecturer at Univ. of Manchester where Desmond Costello was a professor. He is [redacted] and [redacted] until he fell out of favor because of his out-spoken criticism of political affairs in Yugoslavia. He has visited US from Manchester, England, three times since 1960 for purposes of lecturing. He has been sponsored by Eleanor Roosevelt. His exit from Yugoslavia has been viewed suspiciously by informants because of his prior difficulty with Tito. Abba Lerner, the other person in the US, has come to our attention in 1943 when arrested by FBI for aiding and abetting an individual in evasion of the draft. He has communist leanings but we have not tied him in with CP here. [redacted] at Bureau, advised SA W. D. Stewart on 3-4-64 re death of Desmond Costello. (S)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/25/64

FROM : Legat, London (65-1162) (P)

SUBJECT: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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In last paragraph, page 2 of referenced airtel
it was pointed out that [redacted]

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The above is being submitted for the Bureau's
information in connection with inquiries being made in
the U.S.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/28/64

FROM : Legat, London (65-1162) (P)

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On 2/26/64

the enclosed newspaper clipping showing that
subject, DESMOND COSTELLO, died unexpectedly on Sunday, 2/23/64.

Above submitted for Bureau's information.

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Obituary

~~PROFESSOR D. P. COSTELLO~~

~~BRILLIANT RUSSIAN SCHOLAR~~

Professor Paddy Costello, Professor of Russian at the University of Manchester, who died unexpectedly on Sunday at the age of 52, was a brilliant and highly individual scholar with a wide range of talents and experience.

Returning to university life in 1955, after 15 years in New Zealand army and government service, he was refreshingly unacademic and somewhat outside the familiar ring of sovietologists. His views were usually independent and always interesting: they were often pungently expressed in his slightly clipped and nasal voice. His friends here will remember him as unforgettable good company, an unscrupulous arguer, the subject of countless stories, a man who could make any occasion come alive.

Desmond Patrick Costello was born in Auckland on January 31, 1912, to parents of Irish origin, and was educated at Auckland Grammar School and University College. He then came on a travelling fellowship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he got a first class in the classical tripos. While there he went to stay with his first cousins in Ireland, and learnt the Irish language; he was always very deeply attached to that country, sometimes seeming as much Irish as Antipodean. In 1936 he became an assistant lecturer in Classics at Exeter University College, where he stayed until the second year of the war.

He then joined Freyberg's Second N.Z.E.F. He was a lance-corporal in the 21st Battalion Signals when the battalion was overrun by German armour at the right end of the Olympus line in 1941, and battalion headquarters itself surrounded. Costello could speak modern Greek, and he helped lead its members down to the sea and negotiate for a caique. The islands proved to be enemy-held, and part of the crew were accordingly in favour of landing in Turkey and getting interned. They were voted down by the colonel, the adjutant, and Costello, who succeeded in bringing the boat safely to Crete.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

The London Times

On hearing this story Freyberg sent him to be trained as an officer, and so he missed the Cretan campaign. He became, briefly, second-lieutenant with the Long Range Desert Group, then helped revise the official handbook on the Italian Army for G.H.Q. Middle East. Here he amused himself learning Russian. Freyberg soon pulled him out, however, and made him his Intelligence Officer at Divisional Headquarters, later his G.S.Q.3 (I). As such he went with the division through the African and the early part of the Italian campaigns, briefing the General not only on the enemy opposite, but also on the Russian front, on which Freyberg always kept one impassive eye. He was greatly respected by his colleagues in the British Army, where he himself would certainly have held a much higher rank.

Date: 2/25/64

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Author:

Editor:

Title: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO; b6

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Submitting Office: London

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DIPLOMAT IN MOSCOW

He left the Army in 1944 to go as Second Secretary to the New Zealand Legation in Moscow. It is said that Peter Fraser, the then Prime Minister, asked him what his politics were. "I'm afraid I'm a bit left wing, Sir", said Costello. The Prime Minister, jumping a bit ahead of the truth: "Oh well, it won't hurt us to have one or two Communists in Moscow." He was in Moscow for six years, where his elder children went to Russian schools (even fiercer crammers than the French, according to Costello) and he himself became a good friend of Pasternak. He moved thence in 1950 as First Secretary to the Legation in Paris, but found diplomatic life there a good deal less interesting. The ordinary social round of a diplomat bored him; his function as a glorified intelligence officer (once more), advising an uncompliant government on the course of events in France itself and the French Union, struck him as ineffective. He was not sorry when friends pressed him to put in for the newly created post of Professor of Russian at Manchester University, though he was conscious of the hard work which this would mean for one who had learnt his languages largely as an amateur.

(U) His appointment in 1955 was a source of considerable strength to the university in general and the Faculty of Arts in particular. He rapidly won the admiration of his colleagues, and was instrumental in affording unique opportunities to students of science to study the Russian language in order to read original sources. He leaves the department revitalized by his energies.

In 1948 he had edited the second edition of Maurice Baring's *Oxford Book of Russian Verse*. The sheer need, however, to master every aspect of the subject for which he was now responsible left him little time for major writing, and his best work was certainly still to come when he died.

In his own field (and on the subject of traditional ballads in all languages, which he knew well both as scholar and as singer) he was a valued reviewer for *The Times Literary Supplement*, and he also contributed to other learned journals. He edited Gribodeyov's *Wit from Woe* (the Russian text) for the Oxford Press; he was preparing to translate a volume of Chekhov stories for the World's Classics; he was also helping to edit a new Russian-English dictionary for the same publisher. Outside this sphere he translated Sadegh Hedayat's novel *The Blind Owl* (John Calder, 1958) from the Persian—a language which he learnt while in Paris—and himself wrote a novel during his Moscow period; this, however, was unpublished. It is a very great pity that he was not able to do more.

He married Bella Lerner in 1935. They have three sons and two daughters.

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Date: 3/6/64

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

7/28/2010

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-23127)

SUBJECT: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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1 - Bureau (Encls.8) (RM)
(1 - 105-96428) (ABBA LERNER)
2 - Detroit (100-28558) (Encls.2) (RM)
2 - San Francisco (Encls.2) (RM)
1 - New York (105-42465)
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Re Bureau routing slip, 2/20/64, captioned as above, directing NY and San Francisco to review files and furnish results in memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning ABBA P. LERNER and DALIA LERNER, and reairtel, 2/10/64, from Legat, London, captioned as above.

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COSTELLO was born in Auckland, New Zealand, 1/31/12, came to England in 1932. After serving as a university lecturer he went into the New Zealand Army and was later appointed Second Secretary in the New Zealand Legation in Moscow in 1944. In 1951 he was transferred to the New Zealand Legation in Paris, remaining until 1955. At that time he obtained an appointment as professor of Slavonic Studies at Manchester University, Manchester, England, which position he still holds. ~~(S)~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, (65-68550)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-23127) (RUC)
SUBJECT: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO;
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cc to: STATE (USA)
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Re Bulet 3/12/64 captioned [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [REDACTED] and eight copies of a memorandum of evaluation, dated and captioned as above. Three extra copies each of letterhead memorandum and memorandum of evaluation are enclosed in the event extra dissemination is desired by the Bureau.

Two copies each of the letterhead memorandum and memorandum of evaluation are being furnished Boston, inasmuch Photo

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2 - Boston (Enc. 4) (RM)

1 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (Info) (RM)

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1 - San Francisco (105-15631) (Enc. 2) (Info)

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1 - [105-5220] (S)

CC TO: [REDACTED] (S)
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BY: [REDACTED]

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NY 65-23127

as [redacted] who apparently is identical with [redacted]
(U) [redacted], is reportedly employed at [redacted] in [redacted]

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One copy each of the letterhead memorandum and memorandum of evaluation are being furnished Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and WFO, for information, [inasmuch as [redacted] has resided, visited or has relatives within each of those field office territories.] (S)

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For the information of Los Angeles, on 2/6/64,
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[redacted]
(U) [redacted] DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO died on 7/7/64
[redacted]
[redacted]

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(U) In view of the anticipated foreign dissemination of instant letterhead memorandum, the information furnished by other government agencies included in instant memorandum have been concealed by use of T symbols.

Instant letterhead memorandum and memorandum of evaluation are being classified "top secret" in view of the extremely sensitive nature of the information [redacted]

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Director, FBI (G5-68550) - 12

DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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(U) ReBulet 3-12-64.

Attached for your assistance are a copy of BSlet
4-9-64 re subjects and two copies of BSmemo re
dated 4-9-64. (S)

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(U) Boston and Detroit should remain alert to whereabouts
(U) of [redacted] and Abba Lerner, respectively.

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Enclosures (3)

2 - Boston (105-11232)
2 - Detroit (100-28555)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru [redacted] for review)

NOTE: Legat, London, airtel 2-10-64 revealed [redacted]

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Letter to Legat, London
re: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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[redacted]. [redacted] (1) Abba Lerner (wife Dalia) a naturalized US citizen who has been in US since 1941 and has taught at several US universities. He is now a professor at Michigan State Univ.; (2) Arthur Lerner and wife Edith are British and have only visited US to see Abba Lerner. Both are self-admitted former CP members in England; (3) [redacted]

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Legat, London (65-1162) 7/28/2010

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Director, FBI (65-68550)

DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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(U) ReBulet 4-17-64 wherein you were furnished copies
of communications re subjects and re [REDACTED] (S)

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(U) The Bureau would appreciate [REDACTED]

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Letter to Legat, London
Re: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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[redacted] is in [redacted] at [redacted] and will remain there until 8-64. He was a lecturer at University of Manchester where Desmond Costello was a professor. He is a [redacted] and was [redacted] until he fell out of favor because of his outspoken criticism of political affairs in Yugoslavia. He has visited US from Manchester, England, three times since 1960 for purposes of lecturing. His exit from Yugoslavia has been viewed suspiciously by informants because of his prior difficulty with Tito. Abba Lerner, the other person in the US, has come to our attention in 1943 when arrested by FBI for aiding and abetting an individual in evasion of the draft. He has communist leanings but we have not tied him in with CP here.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-68550)

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (65-1162) (P)

SUBJECT: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO:
[redacted]
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DATE: July 23, 1964

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ReBulet 7/16/64.

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(U) [redacted] since the death of DESMOND
COSTELLO. [redacted]

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(U) Legat, London (65-1162)

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DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO:

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Reurlet 7-23-64.

A review of relet indicates neither Abba Lerner
nor [redacted] has had any connection with Soviet
intelligence and [redacted]

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Since the receipt of relet, this investigation
has remained open to report whereabouts of the above two
persons, particularly the whereabouts of Dedijer.
Attached for you are a copy of ALairtel concerning
subject dated 12-12-64 and two copies of AL memorandum
concerning [redacted] dated 12-12-64. You should
[redacted] a copy of attached memorandum and request
[redacted]

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(U) No further investigation is this matter is
desired.

All recipients are instructed to close their
case.

Enclosures -3

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1 - Boston (105-11232) DEC 21 1964
1 - Detroit (100-28558) FBI
1 - New York (65-23127)

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(U) 1 - [redacted] (S) CC: [redacted]
1 - Foreign Liaison (Route through for review)

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Letter to Legat, London
RE: DESMOND PATRICK COSTELLO

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NOTE:

Legat, London, airtel, 2-10-64, revealed [redacted]

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[redacted] Desmond Costello (British) was a professor of Slavic languages at Manchester University until he died 2-23-64. He served in the New Zealand Legation in Moscow as Second Secretary in 1944 until 1951 when he was transferred to the New Zealand Legation in Paris, resigning in 1955 to accept the above appointment as a professor. [redacted]

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[redacted] (1) Abba Lerner (wife Dalia) a naturalized US citizen who has been in US since 1941 and has taught at several US universities. He is now a professor at Michigan State University; (2) Arthur Lerner and wife Edith are British and have only visited US to see Abba Lerner. Both are self-admitted former CP members in England; (3) [redacted]

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[redacted] Only the Abba Lerners and [redacted] are in the U. S. and as such are of interest to us; however, the only data we have concerning them is that [redacted]

[redacted] is presently a member of [redacted] faculty and will remain there until 6/65. He was a lecturer at University of Manchester where Desmond Costello was a professor. He is [redacted] and was [redacted] until he fell out of favor because of his outspoken criticism of political affairs in Yugoslavia. He has visited US from Manchester, b6 England, three times since 1960 for purposes of lecturing. His exit b7C from Yugoslavia has been viewed suspiciously by informants because of his prior difficulty with Tito. Abba Lerner, the other person in the US, has come to our attention in 1943 when arrested by FBI for aiding and abetting an individual in evasion of the draft. He has communist leanings but we have not tied him in with CP here. In absence of a specific allegation that either Lerner or [redacted] is cooperating with Soviet intelligence, no additional investigation appears necessary (TS) b6 b7C

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